

**Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2007**

A meeting of the Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board was held at the NRD field office in Walthill, NE, on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Harlan Witte at 7:35 p.m.

QUORUM CALL:

Quorum call was taken. The following members and individuals were in attendance:

<u>Advisory Board Members Present</u>	<u>Advisory Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Others In Attendance</u>
Harlan Witte Marvin Baker Bruce Paeper Larry Athey		Dick Sklenar, NRD Staff Dennis Piper, NRD Staff Dennis Cady, NRD Staff

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Discussion was called for on the tentative agenda. It was moved by Paeper, and seconded by Witte, that the agenda be adopted.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker, Athey

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

Water Use and Financial Report

Dick Sklenar reported that fiscal year 2007 was a good one for the rural water system. Water sales increased by about 1.3 million gallons versus the previous fiscal year. More than 95% of the water purchased from the village of Pender can be accounted for. The integrity of the system at this point is considered good. Revenues from the sale of water increased by about 13% as a direct result of the increased water sales. The water system has been very fortunate this calendar year and not had any major repairs that needed to be undertaken other than replacing the roof on the pump station building. The replacement of the flat roof for the pump station facility in Pender amounted to \$1600 and was completed during the month of November. Statistical financial and water usage data was provided to the Advisory Board members.

Bruce Paper indicated that he believed the Village of Thurston was contemplating installing a new well for their community, and stated that the Village Board was not interested at this time to connect to the rural water system. There was further discussion by the Advisory Board Members on this issue.

It was also mentioned to the Advisory Board Members that the rural water system will now be relying solely on the Village of Pender for Chlorinating the water supply. The new water treatment plant in Pender is now accomplishing that task, so that it will not be necessary for the rural water system to do this task anymore. The actual savings for the rural water system will amount to about \$1500-\$2000 per calendar year. Chlorine residual throughout the system has proven to be very good over the last 12 months.

It was moved by Witte, and seconded by Athey, that the water use and revenue reports be accepted.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker, Athey
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

Other Items of Interest

Bruce Paeper said he was still looking to find a rural water customer willing to serve on the vacant position on the Advisory Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:08 p.m.